

## You are invited to the 2019 Free Concert Series at the Harpswell Bandstand by the Sea!

Located at George Mitchell Field on Route 123 in Harpswell, the Bandstand is a serene location to hear superlative musicians from near and far. You are invited to bring your friends and family, perhaps a picnic, and blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy the summer evenings with a variety of music for all ages.

The Bandstand has not only become a visual symbol for our town, but also a venue for town events, as well as a place for families to enjoy a warm summer's day. The beauty of its setting is unsurpassed in the Mid Coast region.



This year's program is sure to please. Review the musical program of the 2019 season with the links provided and come to dance or just enjoy your favorite tunes.

Rain information and donation information are included below.



There will be three performances by the **Harpswell Concert Band**- June 13, July 18th and August 29. These are 50 area instrumentalists in their 7th season at the Bandstand by the Sea. The HCB consists of a wonderfully talented mix of about 50 area professional and amateur instrumentalists. Under the leadership of Robert Modr, they perform music that is challenging to the players and familiar to audiences. Start out the season with the band, enjoy them during the summer and enjoy them at this Facebook link as they played at the bandstand in 2015- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-GZ\\_XHC5hv0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-GZ_XHC5hv0)

The June 20th concert is a dual pleasure-the Nor'easters Barbershop Chorus and the Royal River Chorus- **Nor'Easters Barbershop Chorus** ( <https://www.noreasterschorus.org/> ) is a regional group that delights audiences wherever they perform. "The chorus membership ranges from all ages and walks of life, but their common interest is the love of music and the camaraderie that singing barbershop music brings, and sharing it with like minded men who love singing together." Their harmonies will float you into reveries as the music carries over the bay.

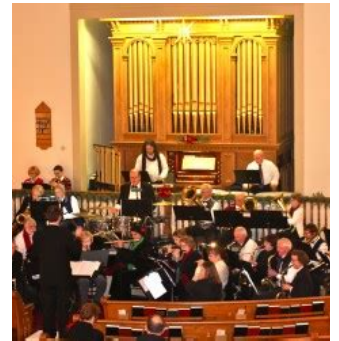




The joyful exuberance of the **Royal River Chorus** (<https://royalriver.org/>) will be infectious as this group of songbirds delight you with their harmonies on June 20th. The chorus, from Yarmouth, charted with the international organization of Sweet Adelines in January, 1985 with 25 members and their melodies have grown in size and talent ever since. You can hear a sample of their work here- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2Kb3b5F\\_fc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2Kb3b5F_fc)



**Coastal Winds** (<http://coastalwinds.net/>) is the performer on June 27th led by the highly esteemed, Brendan Krueger. They are a Freeport based group that has been delighting audiences for over a decade. Membership in the band includes dedicated professional musicians, business people, and retirees from the Mid Coast area, as well as a few high school students. They will be playing a variety of family friendly and encompassing selections. Hear their professional sound in an outdoor setting [here-https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zuPZpCBjtw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zuPZpCBjtw)



**Spiros Exaras** (<http://www.spirosexaras.com>) on July 4th is a repeat guest performer at the bandstand due to popular demand. We are delighted that he is part of the series! He is a world class musician in original music and in popular recordings. His guitar expertise is unparalleled, putting him in great demand for composers, recording stars and soundtracks. He combines a sensuous and lively mix of old world and familiar, enveloping his audience in dreams and memories. Enjoy a sample of his skill and flavor here- (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqmyOl6JUSQ>) He will be joined for this performance by the delightful vocals of Yanna Katsageorgi.

Jazz Review says- "*Exaras and his Ensemble accomplish the Olympian task of forging a Jazz/World Music combination worthy of the Gods themselves*".

The **Blue Hill Brass** (<http://bluehillbrass.com/>) is delighting the Bandstand audience on July 11th . Familiar with both classical and popular music their professional presentation they are a great example to bring your out of town guests as well as local friends and family. Group members have played with the foremost musical ensembles in the state including the Portland Symphony Orchestra, the Bangor Symphony Orchestra, the Al Corey Band, and the Maine Chamber Ensemble. Toe tapping beats will appeal to a wide variety of audiences. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70plX0EG1iY>





On July 25th **Pretty Girls Sing Soprano** is a local women's group with a passionate following (<https://www.facebook.com/PrettyGirlsSingSoprano>). Their recent cd release exposes a wide range of harmonies and tight musicianship that is renown in the Midcoast region. Influenced by the likes of Joni Mitchell, Allison Krauss and others, this trio will delight you with their clear, clean sound. They often play to sold out shows and will be the jewel in the crown to a summer's evening. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MV7AOcyHQLc>



**Portland Jazz Orchestra** (<http://portlandjazzorchestra.com/>) Started in 2004, the Portland Jazz Orchestra is Maine's premier concert jazz ensemble. "Under the direction of Dr. Chris Oberholtzer, this 18-piece jazz ensemble performs a variety of traditional and contemporary big band literature. The PJO enjoys playing works written by members such as Craig Skeffington, Willie Johnson, Chris Humphrey and Terry White in addition to literature composed by a variety of jazz artists including Tom Kubis, Matt Harris, Bob Mintzer, Bill Holman and Maria Schneider. The PJO also enjoys playing classic works from the big band libraries of Count Basie, Woody Herman and Stan Kenton.



The PJO is made up of professional musicians, many of whom are both performers and educators in New England. Members of the PJO have performed, recorded and toured with numerous artists including: Natalie Cole, Tony Bennett, Bob Mintzer, Marvin Stamm, Barry Manilow, Roberta Flack, the Temptations, the Artie Shaw Orchestra and the Glenn Miller Orchestra.

Enjoy- (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cR2UwcpDxHY>)



**Erica Brown and the Bluegrass Connection** (<https://ericabrownonline.com/>) perform bluegrass music all over New England and is on the top tier of the list! Erica was a recipient of a 2006 Maine Arts Commission Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Award and was recognized as a Master Artist by the Maine Arts Commission that same year. With her excellent band she will entertain and encourage your American spirit to perhaps do a bit of clogging, reelin' and perhaps a hoot or two!





“Her talent for combining the precision of classical music with the spontaneity of country and bluegrass fiddle makes for a fun-filled performance every time she plays. Performance highlights include opening for Grammy award winning country music superstar, Dwight Yoakam, as well as Grammy award winning bluegrass performer, Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder.” Enjoy a preview here- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FlFluA2mZRk>



**Studio Two** (<http://www.studiotwotributeband.com/>) is the New England Beatles tribute band who entertains Harpswell on August 15th. Hailed as “New England’s Best Beatles Tribute Band” by The British Beer Company, Studio Two, continues its tour in celebration of the 50th anniversary of The Beatles coming to America. They will have you on your feet and down memory lane in no time! Specializing in pre-Sgt. Pepper’s songs you will hear old favorites and undoubtedly will be singing along. Their addition of dressing and performing with Beatles characteristics will make it seem like being there. This is definitely a concert to bring family and friends to! Be prepared for your favorite early Beatles number to pop up! Check them out-<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umt-SS1LU6s>

**Pat Colwell and the Soul Sensations** will light up the evening with Motown/ Memphis Soul Music on August 22. “This is a 100% Old School Soul Revue complete with outstanding female singers, a full horn section, and a show that that will knock your socks off! The band covers Soul Classics from Sam and Dave, the Supremes, Wilson Pickett, Marvin Gaye, the Temptations, The Staple Singers and The Queen of Soul – Aretha Franklin! When Pat Colwell and the Soul Sensations hit the stage, it’s an instant Soul Train dance party and a History of Soul Music all wrapped up in a single package of FUN!”

Enjoy these tunz-[https://youtu.be/\\_1R8pMPQJsE](https://youtu.be/_1R8pMPQJsE)



## ***Program Notes***



All concerts begin at 6 in the evening.

There is handicapped parking available adjacent to the Bandstand.

Check the Town website in case of rain. [harpowell.maine.gov](http://harpowell.maine.gov)

In case of rain concerts will be held at the Gym

Harpowell Coastal Academy -

9 Ash Point Road (1 mile south of Mitchell Field)



### **About the Harpswell Bandstand by the Sea-**

The Bandstand was created as a labor of love and a welcome meeting spot for the people of Harpswell. The backdrop of beautiful Casco Bay sunsets and clear water make for a delightful gathering place at the bottom of Mitchell Field. Seasonal birds, a beach, and walking trails round out this open land off Route 123 near the end of the Harpswell peninsula. Sound systems ensure that music and presentations are accessible to all ages.

All bandstand concerts are provided by the Town of Harpswell and are open and free to the public. Funding to provide these concerts comes entirely from individuals and businesses. The Town's Bandstand Committee needs your support in order to continue offering quality performances.

The concert series is funded by people just like you. If you wish to donate, please make a check payable to the Town of Harpswell with "Bandstand Fund" in the memo line, at the address below.

Town of Harpswell  
c/o Bandstand Fund  
PO Box 39 Harpswell, Maine 04079

At concerts, you will find a donation box to place your donation in. You can also mail donations to the Harpswell Town Office. There is a drop box to the right of the entrance at the Town Office where they can be deposited in person.